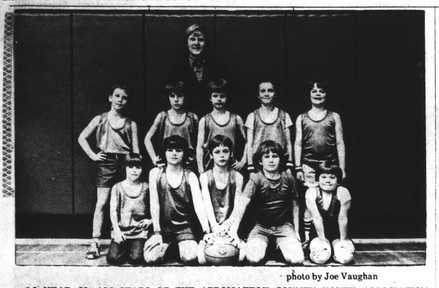

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8-9 YEAR OL ALL-STARS OF THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY YOUTH ASSOCIATION basketball league are shown in photo above. On the front row, from left to right, are Mike Roach, Neal Leonard, Larry Shorter, Mark Franklin, and Jeff Carwile, second row from the left are Steven Greenbaum, Emory Woods, Kinckle Robinson, Alex Almond, and Jeff Chauncey; and on the back row is Bruce Cowan, Coach.

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10-11 YEAR OLD ALL-STARS OF THE APPOMATTOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION'S basketball team are shown in the photo above. On the front row from the left are Gary Ferguson, Tim Tillery, Tyrone Abbott, Jody Williams, Lewis Preston and Steve Hamlett; on the second row are, from the left, Todd Matthews, Charles Walker, Bobby Booker, Kevin Ferguson, Jay Wingfield, and Kenneth Dillard; and shown on the back row is their coach, Jimmy Mayberry.

## Women Golfers Set Spring Luncheon

The Falling River Womens Golf Association will hold its annual Spring Luncheon at the Club House on Saturday, March 26 beginning at 11:00. Members are urged to attend and bring a prospective member. All ladies of the club are invited to attend this meeting if they are interested in golf.

The first Ladies Day competition will begin Tuesday, March 29 with tee-off time at 9:00. Judy Dorety, Chairperson of Ladies Day Competition and her committee have planned a varied program of competition each week. The events planned promise lots of excitement and fun.

Membership dues in the Womens Golf Association are $10.00 per year and are now payable. Checks are payable to Debbie Lucado, Treasurer.

The following tournament dates have been set for ladies competition: May 21-22 - 18 Hole Couples Tournament (9 Holes beginning each day at 3:00) June 11 - Ladies Invitation (18 Hole Captain's Choice) July 16 - 17 - Ladies Invitational (36 Holes) August 13 - 14 - Ladies Club Championship, September 24 - 25 - 36 hole Couples Tournament.

## Dan River High School Has Winning Season

## Member Month

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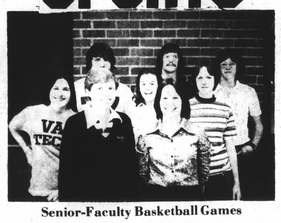
Family picnics and Christmas get-to-gethers are just a few things to mention.

April is member month and our goal is a total of 24 members. Please come out and join us April 17 at Appomattox Middle School at 7:30.

# SPORTS



## Senior-Faculty Basketball Games Set For Friday Night

The Senior Class - Faculty basketball game will be held on March 18, 1977 in the Appomattox County High School gym. The women's game will start at 6:30 and the men will play following that game. Admission will be $1.00 per student and $1.50 per adult.

Shown above are a few of the players who will participate in the games. Playing for the Men's Faculty are Larry Carter, Frank Coffey, Dennis Torrence, Bobby Waddel, Jack Hutchenson, Sam Martin, Don Armentrout and Plicky Williams. Senior men are Randy Hipps, Tommy Wingfield, Flip Jamerson, Ronald Harvey, Mitch Eggleston and many others.

Faculty women playing will be Mary Tolley, Lucy Harris, Mary Turner, Mary Jane Alvis, Pat Hudson, Betty Jo Smith, and Mrs. Taylor. Senior girls will be Vickie Thomas, Teresa Harris, Teresa Cyrus, Priscilla Lampkin, Delaphine Megginson and many others.

This should prove to be a spectacular event so come on out and support the Senior Class as the proceeds will help them "get to Atlanta."

David Bryant, a senior at ACHS is shown presenting the afghan his mother made for the senior class to lucky winner, Lynn Stahling, of Appomattox.

## A Winner Picks The Winner

When the Senior Class of Appomattox County High School began to make plans for the Senior Class trip to Atlanta, Georgia, David Wayne Bryant, 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bryant of Evergreen Avenue, Appomattox did more than dream. David, a member of the senior class had his mother make a beautiful red, white, and blue afghan and donate it to the class. Nearly 400 tickets were sold as people took chances on the afghan and the money will be used to help finance the senior trip. The drawing was held on Wednesday, March 9 at the high school with David drawing the winning ticket. The lucky winner was Lynn Stahling of Appomattox.

David, we learned is a young man of many talents; he can, and has made an afghan, but since he was busy with school work he enlisted the help of his mother.

Despite health problems that might prove discouraging to someone of less courage, David will graduate in June and of course David will be on that trip when they leave for Atlanta!

LARRY JOHNSON OF SCOUT TROOP 546 of Appomattox County explains to Michael Weiss of American Federal Savings & Loan Association what scouting means to him. Contributions to 67th Scouting Anniversary can be made at American Federal in the Triangle Plaza.

## Pastor's Anniversary To Be Observed

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church will observe the pastor's 3rd Anniversary on Sunday, March 20th at 3 P.M.

Pastors and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Dr. William A. Dyson will be guest speaker at the ceremony. Dr. K. W. Davis is pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

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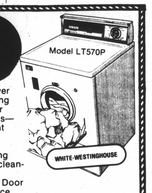


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## Then And Now

By: Frances H. Paulette

### A Day For The Irish

"St. Patrick was a gentleman,
and he came from decent people,
In Dublin town he built a church, and on it put a steeple.
'Twas on the top of a mountain high,
St. Patrick preached a sermon;
He drove the frogs into the bogs,
and banished all the vermin!"
-From an old Irish ballad

Attention!! All you Irishmen and good people with Irish ancestry, take heed, March 17th is your day! Sure'n' all the Saints in Heaven must know that's a fact! Ireland, St. Patrick, the little green three-leafed symbol -- the Shamrock, and the "wearing of the green" all come to mind on March 17th.

While St. Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland, beloved by all true sons of Erin, he was not a native Irishman. There is indeed a wide difference of opinion concerning the country of his birth, that honor having been claimed by England, Scotland and France. History has finally settled on his birthplace as a small town in what is now Wales, the year believed to be around 387 A.D.

When Patrick was only sixteen years of age, he was taken captive and carried to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave. While tending sheep for his master he learned the customs and the language of the Irish people. He became concerned for them and wanted to make them Christians like his own people.

With his mind firmly fixed on his purpose in life he set out to receive the training he needed, and spent four years in Toure, France in study. But, for this young man who had set very high standards for himself, things did not go smoothly; he was captured a second time.

From his "Confessions" we learn that during this time he heard voices of the Irish people seeming to come out of the dark, mysterious, forests of Ireland, bidding him to please help them. After this enslavement, which history tells us lasted about two months, he returned to his studies. After much hard work and study he became a priest, bishop, and statesman.

In the year 431 A.D. after he had received the ecclesiastical name of Patricus from Pope Celestine, he was sent by the Pope to Ireland to free the people from paganism and convert them to Christianity. It is believed that St. Patrick landed at Wicklow Head in the spring of 432 A.D.

One historian states that when St. Patrick landed, the inhabitants wanted to stone him for attempting an innovation in the religion of their ancestors. He only wanted to be heard, explaining that God is an omnipotent, sacred Spirit who created Heaven and Earth and that the Trinity is contained in the unity. The people wouldn't listen. Then, so goes the story, St. Patrick reached down and plucked a trefoil (Shamrock) from the ground and began to talk, "is it not as possible for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to be as one, as for these three leaves to grow on a single stalk?"

The Irish who had for so long believed in the existence of spirits, phantoms, and gods who were all a power of evil, were hard to convince. But, the very act of using the shamrock was the thing that changed their minds. To them, the shamrock was not an ordinary clover, but had been assigned a magic power by the Druadh, and was thought of as being a symbol of magic. Finally the Irish, convinced by the demonstration with the Shamrock, were ready to admit the error of their belief and be baptized by St. Patrick.

Most of the stories about St. Patrick have an air of mystery and color about them. It has been said that wherever he went, he was preceded by a drummer, and that the steady beat of the drum could be heard all through the forest announcing the great foreign Bishop was approaching.

The life of St. Patrick, after an almost unbelievable career, came to an end on March 17th in the year 465 A.D. Among the outstanding achievements credited to St. Patrick, the best known is how he rid Ireland of snakes.

It used to be the custom for the well-to-do people of Ireland to brew ale in February and keep it until St. Patrick's Day. When the day arrived, the ale was served with pickled salmon and oat bread. How does that appeal to the appetites of you Irishmen?

The Shamrock (sometimes called the hop-clover) grows in great abundance in Ireland. As the national emblem of Ireland, the shamrock forms a part of the British Coat-of-Arms. In the Great British emblem, the rose is for England, the thistle for Scotland, and the Shamrock is for Ireland.

Green, because that is the color of the Shamrock, and also the color of the Emerald Isle, is the color of the Irish and those of Irish descent. On March 17th the Irish will be wearing something green, you can count on that!

All you lads and lassies, be proud of that Irish blood that flows in your veins - - - you have quite a heritage!

"There's not a mile in Ireland's Isle,
where the dirty vermin musters;
Where'er Patrick put his dear foot down,
He murdered them in clusters.
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**VISITING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COMES TO APPOMATTOX PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Appomattox Primary School Staff welcomed Mr. Doyle Bryson to their school on March 9, 1977. Mr. Bryson, APS Visiting Committee Chairman, complimented the staff on their thorough self-study and enjoyed a tour of the school. From left to right, grade level chairmen: Miss Patsy Butler, first; Mrs. Virginia Cyrus, second; Mr. Bryson, Principal of Washington-Coleman Elementary in South Boston; and, Miss Dianne Manley, Kindergarten, review the self-study. The APS staff has worked diligently and successfully in making plans for the visiting team during March 28 - 31, 1977. This is the second phase for Southern Accreditation of Colleges and Schools.

## GLADSTONE

Mr. Wayne Mundy, of Maryland, spent the week end in the home of Mrs. Belle Mundy and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus.

Mr. David Jobe, a student at VPI & SU spent several days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jobe.

We were sorry to hear Mrs. Hampton Hunter is sick. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. John Spencer, of Lynchburg, is spending several weeks in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jobe.

Mrs. Lewis Harris spent Wednesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDearmon.

Spending the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody and Mike were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carmody, Jr. and son, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Harris and family, all from Chesapeake.

Mrs. Henry Higginbotham gave a baby shower on Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Gary Peters.

We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. George Page in the loss of their loved one.

On Saturday the ladies and girls of Gladstone Memorial Church met with the ladies and girls at Liberty Chapel for a luncheon.

On Sunday morning at the worship service at Gladstone Memorial Baptist Church there was a note burning service and a dinner at the fire house enjoyed by all present.

Miss Julia Hesson, of Lynchburg, spent the week end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hesson.

The Week of Prayer program was given in the home of Mrs. John Spiggle on Tuesday.

## JORDAN

On Sunday, March 20, thee will be a talent program here at 7:30 p.m.

Regular church business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday March 27th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Gospel Harmonettes will celebrate their 5th anniversary. Rev. Donald Johnson and the Phillip Fellowship Choir will be their special guests.

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